

OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE JOHANNESBURG  
CHAMBER OF MINES ON 18 OCTOBER 1983 AT 17H30

PRESENT:

FULL MEMBERS

D Masterson	(Chairman)	G D Kletz
P Fatti	(Vice Chairman)	D W Evans
T Lamprecht		T Stewart
A M Pachyannis		M A Mahony
P J Vermeulen		P Salemink
H Ittmann		G L Ochse
J R Cutland		W J Armstrong
S J Browner		D G Hopkins

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

H Grant	L F Scheepers
G F De Vries	

REPRESENTATIVE OF A CORPORATE MEMBER

C B Williams

APOLOGIES

A De Wet

1. MINUTES:

The minutes of the 1982 Annual General Meeting were read and accepted.

Proposed: T Stewart

Seconded: D Evans

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President, Mr D Masterson presented his report which was then accepted.

Proposer: D Evans

Secunder: S Browner

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial statements had been circulated among the members present. The effective annual rate on money invested was 6.75%. A member asked whether a higher rate could not be obtained. Mr Ittmann answered that money was being transferred into higher interest bearing accounts.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Proposer: P Salemink

Secunder: P Fatti

5. EDITOR'S REPORT:

D Evans presented the Newsletter Editor's report. Feedback had been very poor during the year and there was a need for more feedback.

T Stewart proposed a special vote of thanks to D Evans for his work as newsletter editor.

The report was accepted.

Proposer: T Lamprecht

Seconder: G Kletz

6. REPORTS OF THE CHAPTERS:

JHB:

Seven seminars had been held during the year. These had all been held during the afternoon and had been attended by between 7 and 70 people.

PRETORIA:

Dr T. Stewart had taken over as chairman of the chapter from Dr Weistroffer. There had been a number of talks during the year.

VAAL TRIANGLE:

The chapter had been founded on 2 August 1983 at a meeting attended by about 50 people. Prof. G. Woolsey had addressed the meeting. There were 22 members of the chapter and more were expected to join.

WESTERN CAPE:

There was no report from the Western Cape.

7. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The Chairman said that a change to the constitution was necessary in order for O.R.S.S.A. to qualify as a professional body under the Natural Scientist's Act and he then made the following proposal:

1. The first sentence of Article 8 viz. "Both full and associate members shall have the right to vote but only full members shall have the right to stand for and be elected to the Executive Committee." be deleted and replaced with "Full members shall have the right to vote and to stand for and be elected to the Executive Committee."

2. Article 11(e) be changed to read "A majority of the votes of the full members present shall decide any question."

The corresponding changes to the Afrikaans version of the constitution were that the first sentence of Artikel 8 be changed to "Volle lede het stemreg en mag hul verkiesbaar stel en verkies word op die Uitvoerende Komitee" and that Artikel 11(e) be changed to "Besluite op 'n Jaarlikse Algemene Vergadering word geneem met 'n gewone meerderheidstem val alle volle lede teenwoordig."

The proposal was put to the vote and there were 41 votes for the proposal and 1 against. The proposal was thus accepted.

8. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The following members were elected for 1983/84:

President : Dr L. P. Fatti  
Vice President : Mr D. W. Evans  
Secretary : Mr D. G. Hopkins  
Treasurer : Mr H. Ittmann  
Newsletter editor : Miss H. Grant  
Elected members : ~~Mr D. D. Masterson~~ Mr. P. Salernik  
: Mr M. Splaine  
Ex officio members: Chapter Chairmen  
Mr. J.D. Masterson (Past president)

9. GENERAL:

Dr P Fatti reported that all members should have received a preliminary announcement of the International Conference which O.R.R.S.A. was holding in 1984. Funds were a bit short and all contributions would be gratefully received. He encouraged members to attend the conference.

Dr T Stewart reported that O.R.S.S.A. were intending to publish a journal and that he would be circulating a call for papers. Any suggestions on a name for the journal would be welcomed.

Mr D Evans proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the work he had done during the year.

*P. Fatti*  
30/10/84